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OUR SAINTED DEAD

"These All Died in the Faith"

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth. Yes, saith the spirit, they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."

David Allen Boddie

Gans Houston Smith

James Benjamin Landers

Calvin Sidney Morrison

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MINISTERIAL ROLL

Brown, G. J. L.,	Ball, La.
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Corley, E. W.	Halloway, La.
Dennard, E. A.,	Gibbsland, La.
Downs, J. R.,	West Monroe, La.
Dunn, W. S.,	Glenella, La.
Deville, B.,	Montgomery, La.
Ezell, A. T.,	Jena, La.
Fowler, W. P.,	Oak Grove, La.
Fordham, W. F.,	Winsboro, La.
Futrell, F. C.,	Luna, La.
Hearn, E. O.,	Chatam, La.
Hearn, J. C.,	Grayson, La.
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Griffin, B. F.,	Queen City, Texas
Johnson, Ada,	Delhi, La., R. F. D.
Jones, V. O.,	Dayline, La.
Little, J. Chesley,	Atlanta, Texas
Lewis, J. H.,	Rochelle, La.
Lee, J. W.,	Grayson, La.
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Patton, I. A.	Dounsville, La.
Perdue, Mary E.,	Atlanta, Texas
Ried, J. F.,	Winnfield, La.
Riley, J. A.,	Trout, La.
Shows, F. Lyman,	Jonesboro, La.
Stewart, O. W.,	Pollock, La.
Swazee, L. H.,	Monroe, La.
Smart, P. A.,	Chatam, La.
Terry, John W.,	Choudrant, La., R. F. D.
Wardlow, Lula,	Montgomery, La.
Williams, J. A. D.,	Jena, La.
Little, Lawrence C.	5 Ferger Bldg., Chattanooga, Tenn.

THIRD YEAR

Harris, W. W.,	Fouke, Ark.
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Gunter, R. L.,	Jena, La.
Strozier, J. R.,	Goldonna, La., R. F. D.
Strozier, J. M.,	Jena, La.
Methvin, W. T.,	Winnfield, Kansas.

SECOND YEAR

Cherry, H. A.,	Oil City, La.
Cantley, H. H.,	Spring Hill, La.
Smith, D. W.,	Hinton, La.
Griggs, Bessie,	Downsville, La.

FIRST YEAR

Honeycutt, T. A.,	Pugh, Ark.
Parsons, J. C.,	Chatam, La.
Johnson, D. S.,	Delhi, La.
Dodds, C. R.,	Sibley, La.
Ragsdale, W. F.,	Simsboro, La.

SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS

Platt, W. M.,	Monroe, La.
Austin, A. G.,	Cedar Grove, La.

FOREIGN MISSIONARIES

Long, Miss Mattie	Dhulia, W. Kandish, India
Williams, Miss Florence	Dhulia, W. Kandish, India.

LAY REPRESENTATIVES

Warner, Prof. J. N.,	Monroe, La
Swazzee, Mrs. L. H.,	Monroe, La.
Smith, Mrs. Francis	Urania, La.
Smith, O. A.,	Jonesboro, La.
Hightower, W. W.,	Chatam, La.
Honeycut, W. H.,	Luna, La.
Barrett, J. A.,	Dodson, La.
Cowser, L. T.,	Arcadia, La.
Prator, O. B.,	Queen City, Texas
Parker, W. K.,	Rochelle, La.
Taylor, Mrs. B. F.,	Trout, La.

Garlington, H. S.,	Holloway, La.
Luthur, J. M.,	Montgomery, La.
Griggs, Miss Bessie	Downsville, La.
McKeithen, W. O.,	Grayson, La.
Fuller, J. W.,	Heflin, La.
Young, Mrs. Rosa,	Queen City, Texas
Burnam, Mrs. Frazine,	Barron's Chaple Ch.
Stout, Jesse,	Delhi, La.
Fuge, Frank,	Oil City, La.

THE JOURNAL

The Louisiana Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church convened in Courtland Church, near Queen City, Texas, on Friday, Nov. 5th, 1920, at 10 o'clock.

The Conference was called to order by the President. Rev. A. G. Austin led the opening prayer.

The roll was called and by motion the Conference bar was fixed and all visitors were invited to honorary seats.

Upon motion Mrs. L. H. Swazzee was seated as delegate from Monroe Station.

Upon motion the resolution offered by Rev. Mary E. Bartlett, relative to president serving as pastor, was tabled until 2:00 p. m.

The secretary read the names of the various committees and by motion the Conference adjourned until 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Conference called to order by the President. Devotional services by Rev. Wm. Platt.

Upon motion the resolution offered by Rev. Mary E. Bartlett adopted.

Upon motion W. H. Honeycutt was seated as delegate from Antioch circuit.

The order of the day having arrived the Conference entered into the election of officers. The chair appointed W. W. McDonald, Rev. Lula Wardlaw and H. S. Garlington as tellers of the election. After the final vote was taken Rev. E. O. Hearn was declared elected president, and by motion the vote was made unanimous.

Upon motion the chair was authorized to cast the Conference ballot for the re-election of Rev. Mary E. Perdue as Conference secretary.

Upon motion the secretary was authorized to cast the Conference ballot for the re-election of W. W. McDonald as Conference treasurer.

Upon motion Rev. J. C. Little was elected statistical secretary.

It was moved and carried that the next Annual Conference convene at Chatam, La.

Motion prevailed to adjourn.

MORNING SESSION**Second Day**

Conference called to order by the president. Roll call omitted.

Minutes of the previous day's session read and adopted.

At this time Dr. T. H. Lewis, President of the General Conference, arrived and was introduced to the Conference.

Upon motion the secretary was instructed to spread upon the pages of our Conference Journal the resolution relative to the use of tobacco, as amended and adopted by the General Conference.

The reports of Rev. Ada Johnson, J. W. Terry, J. F. Reed, J. A. Riley, J. C. Little, O. W. Nalley, W. T. Methvin, H. A. Hamby and J. A. D. Williams were read and adopted.

Rev. Lula Wardlow made verbal report, which was adopted.

Prof. Comfort, representing Westminster College, Tehuacana, Texas, arrived and was introduced, after which Dr. T. H. Lewis addressed the Conference on matters submitted by the General Conference.

Secretary read letters of greeting from our brethren Joel G. Smith of Dodson, La., and C. F. Evans, Southern Secretary of United Christian Endeavor.

Upon motion our assessment of the general budget was submitted for adoption. After discussion the motion was tabled until 2:00 p. m.

Conference adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION**Second Day**

Conference called to order by the president. Devotional services by Rev. E. W. Corley.

Upon motion our assessment of the general budget was adopted.

Upon motion Rev. J. F. Ried was appointed to take subscriptions for the Methodist Protestant.

Committee on Iteneracy and Orders submitted report, which was adopted.

Upon motion Rev. Lawrence C. Little was elected to Elders Orders and the hour of ordination fixed. Dr. T. H. Lewis was appointed to preach the ordination sermon.

Conference adjourned.

MORNING SESSION**Third Day**

Conference was called to order by the President. Roll was called and verbal reports were submitted by those who were absent.

Minutes of previous day's session read and adopted.

Committee on Missions submitted report, which was adopted.

Committee on Temperance submitted report, which was adopted.

Committee on By-Laws and Rules of Order submitted report, which was adopted.

Rev. L. H. Swazzee, manager of the Home of the Good Samaritan, submitted report, which was adopted.

Rev. J. R. Downs, Rescue Missionary and Financial Agent of the Home of the Good Samaritan, submitted report, which was adopted.

Committee on Sabbath Observance submitted report, which was adopted.

The resolution offered by Prof. J. N. Warner was adopted.

Upon motion Rev. J. W. Lee, J. R. Downs and Rev. Mary E. Perdue were elected fraternal delegates to the Arkansas Conference.

Committee on Education submitted report, which was adopted.

Committee on Memoirs submitted report, which was adopted.

Rev. J. W. Terry, organizer of the Purity League, submitted report, which was adopted.

Conference adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION**Third Day**

Conference called to order by the president.

Committee on Finance submitted report, which was adopted.

Committee on Young People's Purity League submitted report, which was adopted.

Resolution offered by Rev. Lula Wardlow adopted.

Board of Church Extension submitted report, which was adopted.

Secretary and Treasurer of the Board of Ministerial Aid submitted report, which was adopted.

Conference adjourned by singing "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" and benediction by Rev. W. M. Platt, one of our honored superannuates.

The Pentecostal services were wonderfully blessed by the Lord throughout the entire session, but reached the climax the last evening when the power of Pentecost came upon us and waves of glory swept the entire congregation. Two bright young men answered the call to preach, and so declared themselves. Thus closed the 74th annual session of the Louisiana conference, Methodist Protestant Church.

COMMITTEES

Divine Worship

B. F. Griffin, Rev. Mary Bartlett, Mrs. Jessie Griffin.

Pastor's Reports

Rev. Lula Wardlow, E. W. Corley, W. K. Parker.

Periodicals

J. R. Strozier, Rev. Arah Bevill, Jno. Tarver.

Sabbath Observance

J. T. Parsons, Rev. S. A. Brady, G. J. L. Brown.

Temperance

Rev Lula Wardlow, J. C. Little, C. A. Hendrix.

Education

Prof. J. N. Warner, Laurence C. Little, Rev. Arah Bevill.

Finance

O. W. McKeithen, W. W. McDonald, Mary E. Bartlett, A. T. Ezell.

Official Character

E. A. Dennard, J. W. Terry, J. A. D. Williams

Missions

F. Lyman Shows, O. A. Smith, J. F. Reid.

By-Laws and Rules of Order

J. A. Riley, J. A. Holt, Mrs. Frazine Burnam, J. R. Downs.

Iteneracy and Orders

J. W. Lee, F. Lyman Shows, E. O. Hearn, W. W. Hightower.

Board of Church Extension

F. Lyman Shows, W. W. McDonald, J. W. Lee, Mrs. M. E. Perdue, J. W. McKeithen.

Standing District Committee

W. W. McDonald, Mrs. M. E. Bartlett, E. O. Dennard, J. W. Lee, G. B. Haynes.

Memoirs

L. H. Swazzee, Prof. J. N. Warner, W. M. Platt, Mrs. M. E. Bartlett, W. W. McDonald.

Thanks

J. R. Downs, Mrs. S. A. Brady, F. C. Futrell

Young People's Purity League

J. A. Riley, J. W. Terry, L. C. Little, Mrs. S. A. Brady,

Forward Movement Committee

F. Lyman Shows, Prof. J. N. Warner, Miss Lizzie Jeffress.

Appeals

W. M. Pratt, A. G. Austin.

Camp Meeting Committee

Rev. Lula Wardlow, F. Lyman Shows, J. W. Lee, W. W. McDonald, V. M. Davis.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

To the Seventy-Fourth Session of the Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church:

Dear Brethren and Sisters—Greetings:

I am happy to report at this time that we are closing out one of the most glorious years of our Conference work. We had come almost to the breaking point during the last four years, but thanks be unto God who giveth the victory, we have overcome most of the difficulties and the prospects are brighter than for years.

As has always been, so has it been this year. There have been the usual hardships to undergo as is characteristic of such a position as I have been called upon to fill, but we have cheerfully faced and overcome them all, and we are happy that we agreed to take the place intrusted to

us and do all we could to push the great cause of Christ and the M. P. Conference.

I want to add a word of thanks and appreciation to the many brethren and sisters and friends of the President and Conference for their loyal support to the great cause which we have tried to represent during these five years of most trying difficulties and hardships, and to the many pastors who have tried to make it easy on us as we have traveled the district. This willingness upon their part thus to try to assist me in this undertaking gives such pleasant thoughts and such a trill of joy to my heart, that I can truly say "that the toils of the road seem nothing since I have come to the end of the way."

I have tried as best I could to travel the district as directed by the Conference. However, as usual, I have failed to meet some appointments as previously published, but my failure to do so was on account of difficulties unnecessary to explain here.

Viewing the outlook as I do, the Conference is in for better working condition than it has been since I began to serve in this capacity five years ago, and now with everyone working with a willing mind, and with increasing courage, and giving an ample support to our pastors, we need have no fear of failure.

There has been several splendid revivals over the Conference this year, with good number added to our churches, and I believe that the final report of the year will show a splendid increase along this line; also I believe that our people have paid in more money to the cause this year than they have during any previous year of this administration, and I believe that I am speaking the sentiment of the people when I say that it is our intention to increase our giving to the cause of the Master during the coming year. May we all endeavor to make this come true.

Official Acts

On December the 1st, 1919, I released Rev. G. J. L. Brown from Hicks Circuit.

On January the 12th I released Rev. J. R. Strozier from Fish Creek Circuit.

January the 20th I assigned Rev. G. J. L. Brown as pastor of Fish Creek Circuit.

On February the 1st I released Rev. J. M. Strozier from Mangham Mission.

On February the 12th I appointed Rev. J. R. Downs pastor of Mangham Mission.

April the 1st released Rev. B. F. Griffin from Terry Chapel and appointed Rev. J. A. Holt pastor of Terry Chapel

April the 26th I released Rev. J. R. Downs as pastor of Mangham Mission.

On June the 8th I appointed Rev. H. A. Hamby to fill the vacancy on the Church Extension Board caused by the death of the lamented A. W. Stewart.

On June 9th I appointed the following committee on obituary of our deceased brother, A. W. Stewart: Rev. L. L. Shows, Rev. W. M. Platt, Rev. J. W. Lee, Mrs. F. G. Wardlow, Mr. J. N. Warner.

On August the 31st I granted letter of standing to Rev. J. M. Owens.

September the 1st I appointed Rev. J. R. Downs as associate pastor of Strickland circuit, to have the oversight of Bethel church.

In the month of March I released Rev. J. H. Lewis from Pleasant Hill circuit.

Some time during the month of April I appointed Rev. A. T. Ezell pastor of Lewis Chapel, leaving the rest of Pleasant Hill unsupplied.

Later during the year, some time in August, Rev. J. H. Lewis took up his work again with the exception of Lewis Chapel, which continued under the care of Rev. A. T. Ezell.

Recommendations

Let me urge upon this Conference to take up the task of raising our quota in the budget as outlined and assessed by the last General Conference. Let us not fail on this all important matter, for all that is asked by our General Conference is needed to carry on the great work of the church at home and abroad.

We recommend that this Conference do not make a special pledge to the India Mission, but that with all other Conferences we pay our part of the budget, and as India Mission has become a part in reality of the M. P. church is will receive aid just as our other foreign interests shall receive.

I would suggest, however, that we take and make pledges at this Conference, just as we have been doing, but let it be collected for the General Budget and be forwarded

first to our Conference Steward, and by him to the General Treasurer.

We recommend that an ample offering be taken during this Conference for our superannuated ministers.

We further recommend that this Conference assess and set aside some stipulated amount annually for the support of our superannuated ministers, this amount not to be included in the budget, but a special assessment by this Conference for that purpose, and that each church and circuit be given their part in this special assessment and that every cent of it be collected by the pastors of each charge and forwarded to the Conference Steward to be equally divided between the superannuated ministers.

Last, we recommend that our pastors be given an ample support and that our stewards (that is the stewards of each charge) be required to collect monthly the amount due each pastor, and that the pastor receive his salary in full at the close of each month, and further that the chairman of the Board of Stewards be required to report to each church assembled at the close of each month the amount received and paid to the pastor during the month, and that when necessary to collect in full the pastor's salary that a public offering be taken to finish out the salary for that month.

Thanking the Conference and all the people who have assisted in any way the furtherance of the great cause I represented during these five laboring but happy and successful years, I submit this as my annual and final report.

Fraternally yours,

ENOCH M. MOUSER,

President of M. P. Conference of the Louisiana District.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE TREASURER

President's Salary paid	\$1,810.73
India Mission	821.00
Superannuates	139.65
General Conference Claims	118.00
Conference Secretary	44.43
Printing Conference Journals	59.30
Church Extension	29.65
Young People's Work	14.82

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. McDONALD, Conference Treasurer.

CHURCH EXTENSION

We, the Church Extension Board of the Louisiana Conference, submit the following report:

Balance on hand	\$478.70
Received during the year	29.65

Total	\$508.35
Expense ..	4.50

Now in Treasury	\$503.85
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J. W. LEE, Sec. and Treas.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE HOME OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

Collected by Rev. J. R. Downs	\$715.00
From Sister Goss estate	600.00
From Monroe Gro. Co.	350.00
Home Industry	475.00
Collected by Manager	499.00
From H. P. Blakey and wife	150.00
From Ouachita Parish	420.00
City of Monroe	600.00
B. V. Handy	90.00
From Miss Zephie Weir	12.00
Rev. A. T. Ezell	10.00
Rev. Lula Wardlow	8.00

Total	\$3,929.00
Expenses paid	\$355.50
Expenses to be paid	168.45

On hand	\$205.45
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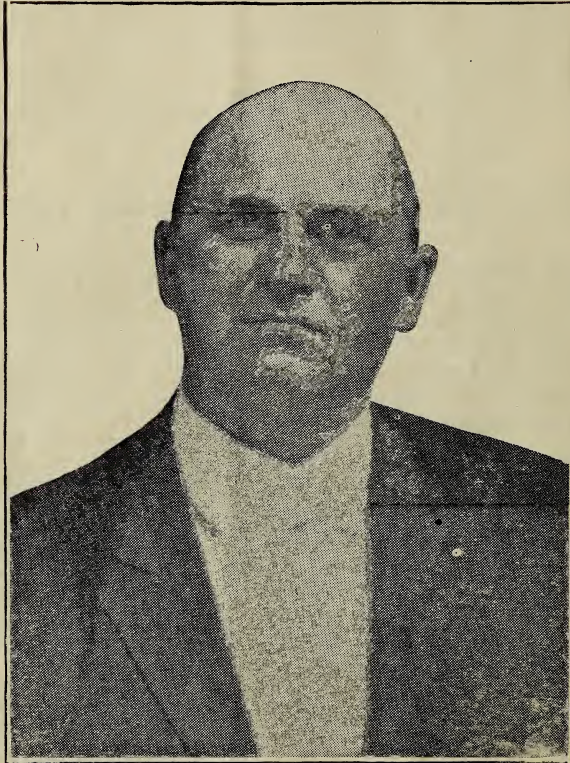
L. H. SWAZZEE, Manager.

PASTOR'S REPORTS

We, your Committee on Pastor's Reports, have examined the reports of all the pastors and recommend the same to be received as submitted.

E. W. CORLEY,
MRS. LULA WARDLOW,
W. K. PARKER.

INTO THE BEAUTIFUL BEYOND



A. W. STEWART

Servant of God and Friend of Man

MEMOIRS

The angels have visited the Louisiana onference and Revs. W. P. Mason and D. T. Ponder and Bro. A. W. Stewart have joined the Church Triumphant, and are now safe at home.

Safe in the arms of Jesus,
Safe on his gentle breast,
Safe from this world's temptations
Sweetly their souls doth rest."

We sincerely feel the loss caused by the departure of these consecrated men of God, but we humbly bow in submission to His will and we are saying "the will of the Lord be done." Yes, we shall miss them; miss their presence, miss their counsel, but their consecrated influence shall remain and live on and on and will always be an inspiration to us, helping us onward over life's battles.

We commend the example of these noble Christian men to the entire membership of our church and may their sacred sweet memories burn in each heart as long as we are known to time.

We now bid "farewell" until we too shall "all be gathered home."

J. N. WARNER,
W. W. McDONALD,
MRS. M. E. BARTLETT,
W. M. PLATT,
L. H. SWAZZEE.

MEMORANDUM SUBMITTED BY THE GENERAL
CONFERENCE

1. The acceptance of the allotment of the General Conference budget, and the distribution of it to the several pastoral charges by means of a committee. The allotment for this Conference is \$4,500.00.

2. The appointment of a Forward Movement Committee to co-operate with the General Conference Forward Movement committee, and its secretary, Rev. Crates S. Johnson, D. D., whose office is at St. Joe, Indiana, and whose services are at the disposal of the Conference in any way it may desire. It is recommended that this committee shall take the whole Forward Movement into its consideration,

emphasizing especially the evangelistic work. And also that the president of the Conference shall be chairman.

3. Two overtures sent down by the General Conference:

a. Changing Article VI.1 of the Constitution by inserting, "the president of the Ladies' Aid Society, of the W. F. M. S., of the W. H. M. S. and of the Brotherhood" in the clause preceding members of the quarterly conference.

Changing Article VIII.1 of the Constitution so as to make Wednesday instead of Friday the day for the assembling of the General Conference.

4. Authority given president of Annual Conference to fix date of next session.

Upon motion the above memorandum was adopted.

HOLINESS OR ENTIRE SANCTIFICATION

By Mrs. Mary E. Bartlett, Winnfield, La., 1914.

Whereas our Discipline says: "In 1729, two young men in England, reading the Bible, saw they could not be saved without holiness, followed after, and incited others so to do, and in 1837 they saw likewise that men are justified before they are sanctified.

Whereas, all our books of Doctrine, in the course of study for our young preachers, teach this Bible truth, of entire sanctification, clearly and emphatically.

Whereas, This doctrine is a Bible truth, taught in the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, be it therefore

Resolved by the Louisiana Conference, Methodist Protestant Church, That we affirm our faith and confidence in the Methodist Protestant Church, in her loyalty to the doctrine of holiness as a second definite work of grace, and her attitude toward those seeking the higher life, and that we invite the co-operation of all those who hold this truth in wisdom, to unite with us in spreading scriptural holiness over these lands.

RESOLUTION ON TOBACCO

Resolved, That whereas the use of tobacco is a great evil, recognized by all thoughtful Christians because of its

physical detriment, its very filthiness, and the billions of dollars squandered each year for something that is hurtful rather than helpful, and

Whereas, many business corporations have found it necessary to forbid the use of tobacco by their employees, thus in one respect lifting up a higher moral standard for their employees than the church has for her ministry, and

Whereas, the use of tobacco is detrimental to the influence and work of the Christian minister,

Therefore be it resolved, That this General Conference does now forbid the further use of tobacco by the ministry of the Methodist Protestant Church.

(Signed by) R. H. M. WATSON (Miss.)
J. C. WILLIAMS (Ohio)
E. T. HOWE (Indiana)
GEO. C. SHURTZ (Ohio)
MARY E. BARTLETT (La.)
FRED DINSBERGER (Mich)
NATE S. WILLIAMS (Miss.)
W. L. HAMBRIC (Texas)

Note by Secretary—This resolution was amended by the General Conference so as to read as follows:

“That the General Conference call upon all Annual Conferences to enforce the disciplinary provisions against the use of tobacco by ministers by refusing to admit to membership and to ordination all persons who use tobacco and that we earnestly urge all who now use tobacco to discontinue its use.”

The above resolution and amendment copied from the Journal of the General Conference, page 107.

RESOLUTION ON PRESIDENT PASTORING CHURCH

Whereas, we feel that the president of our Conference can very profitably devote part of his time to pastoral work, and,

Whereas, Some of our larger Conferences have adopted the above plan,

Therefore be it resolved, That the president serve as pastor of a church in connection with other duties, when necessary.

RESOLUTION

The following resolution was offered by Prof. J. N. Warner, and unanimously adopted:

Whereas, one of the great needs of our Conference is finances with which to meet the demands of the Lord's work, with special reference to Church Extension work, and,

Whereas, there are a few places that need immediate attention,

Therefore be it resolved, That we, the Methodist Protestant Church, Louisiana District, in the seventy-fourth annual session convened, request the chairman of our Church Extension Board to make known some of these needs to the secretary of the Home Mission Board of the General Conference, and if possible have him visit us with a view of ascertaining the true condition that exists within our bounds Church Extension Board urge upon the said secretary of the Home Mission Board to make as liberal appropriation for the relief of our immediate needs as the finances of his command will permit.

Resolved third, That any expenses which may be incurred by the chairman of the Church Extension Board be paid by said Board.

RESOLUTION OF RESPECT

Tendered Our Retiring President, Rev. E. M. Mouser

Whereas, our retiring president, Rev. E. M. Mouser, has served us faithfully, conscientiously and loyally for the past five years, and

Whereas, he is severing his connection with us to take up pastoral work in the Texas Conference; therefore in view of these facts be it

Resolved, That we tender to Bro. Mouser our heartfelt thanks for his valuable services rendered during his term of office.

While we realize we are losing a man who has consecrated his life and services to the up-building of the Methodist Protestant Church in our Conference, at the same time the State of Texas is fortunate in securing his services.

Our best wishes and our prayers go with him to his new field of labor.

RESOLUTION ON CAMP-MEETING

(Offered by Mrs. Lula Wardlow)

Whereas, we feel the great need of a closer relation between our people, and

Whereas, we feel the still greater need of a better training among our preachers and young people, and

Whereas, we also feel the need of our Annual Conference Camp, where we can hold an annual camp-meeting in connection with a ten days or two weeks Preacher's Institute or Institute of Training for both preachers and young people,

Therefore be it resolved, That this Conference appoint a committee to locate a camp site and arrange for the buildings and for the holding of the meeting and the Institute without expense to this Conference, and further that the date of the meeting be fixed at as early date as possible, and that pastors of the Conference hold the date of the meeting open so there will be no conflict, and that our pastors and preachers be requested to attend this annual meeting.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Education

We, your Committee on Education, submit the following report:

It is conceded that is a progressive age and more efficient men and women are needed in all walks of life in order to make them go forward.

No community, no people, no organized body politically or religiously, will ever rise higher than the institution in its midst, and as a Methodist Pretestant people we will not make more progress than the several units which compose or make up the whole body.

Each and every minister and preacher of this Conference is a part of the great unit, and in proportion to the labor rendered by each let it be efficient or inefficient, so will it effect the cause for which we stand.

Never before in our religious history have we had to meet the great responsibilities with which we are brought face to face. In order to make the progress that it is our privilege and duty to make, and for that reason the world is demanding educated thought, and unless we have an edu-

cated ministry we cannot meet the demands and expectations of the people.

Therefore we recommend that the ministers and preachers of this Conference to urge upon their congregations their duty to take advantage of the wonderful educational opportunities afforded them, and that we place ourselves on record as being ardent supporters of all our denominational institutions, and that each minister put forward a greater effort to place the church paper in the homes of our people.

We further recommend that every young man or woman coming into this Conference and undertaking the great task of preaching the Gospel must do all in their power to attend a few sessions of one of our colleges and therefore become better perpared to discharge the duties incumbent upon them.

It is the concensus of opinion of those already preaching the Gospel that they are greatly in need of more learning, and this alone should serve as an incentive to a greater effort on the part of all young preachers to acquire this needed preparation before going on the job.

J. N. WARNER.

LAWRENCE C. LITTLE.

MRS. J. D. CATHEY.

Finance

We, your committee, recommend that our president's salary be fixed at the sum of \$1,500.00 per annum.

To meet this assessment each charge to be assessed according to their ability.

To meet all other claims each member of the church 15 years and over, to be assessed \$3.00 apiece.

The Conference Claim assessment shall be collected by the pastor and stewards and sent direct to W. W. McDonald, Monroe La., Motor Rt. "A" South, the same to be apportioned as follows:

50 per cent General Conference Claims.

10 per cent Church Extension.

10 per cent Conference Secretary.

10 per cent printing Conference Journals.

10 per cent Superannuates.

10 per cent Conference Treasurer.

We further recommend that our pastors hold special services and take offerings for Home and Foreign Missions.

W. O. McKETHEN.

A. T. EZELL.

MRS. M. E. BARTLETT.

W. W. McDONALD.

Missions

We, your Committee on Missions, submit the following report:

We feel there is no greater work than that of missions and when we as a church fail in this work we insure the displeasure of our Heavenly Father.

Therefore we urge our pastors to preach on the subject of missions at least once a quarter, and properly instruct and educate our people to the needs of this great work.

We further recommend that where it is practical that Women Foreign Missionary Societies be organized, so that this great work can be properly handled in our Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

F. LYMAN SHOWS.

J. F. RIED.

O. A. SMITH.

Iteneracy and Orders

We, your committee, submit our final report:

We recommend that W. W. Harris, R. L. Gunter, J. R. Strozier and J. M. Strozier be retained in the third year's course of study.

2. That H. A. Cherry, H. H. Cantley and D. W. Smith be retained in the second year's course of study

3. That D. S. Johnson, T. A. Honeycutt, C. R. Dobbs and J. C. Parsons be retained in the first year's course of study and that J. T. Odum be dropped from the roll.

4. That Lawrence C. Little be passed to Elder's Orders, and that W. T. Methvin be passed into the third year's course of study.

We further recommend that J. T. Moore be recommended to the Board of Ministerial Education for aid, as he desires to enter school.

Respectfully submitted,

F. LYMAN SHOWS.

JOHN WESLEY LEE.

E. W. CORLEY.

Sabbath Observance

Whereas, there is a tendency to forget God's commandments, especially that one "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy,"

Be it resolved, That we, the Methodist Protestant Church of the Louisiana Conference, endeavor by the help of God to do more during this Conference year to bring about a greater observance of the Sabbath than ever before.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. PARSONS.

MRS. S. A. BRADY.

G. J. L. BROWN.

Periodicals

Inasmuch as the trend of the age is downward and there is continually pouring through the printing presses books, papers and magazines that are poisonous to the moral character of the young people, and

Whereas, the homes are being bountifully supplied with such literature we deem it necessary to urge every pastor to see that the young people of his charge be amply supplied with good, clean, wholesome literature that will help develop their spiritual life and give them higher ideals.

We also recommend that every pastor and family of the Methodist Protestant Church subscribe for one of our church organs, The Methodist Protestant or Recorder.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. STROZIER.

MRS. ARAH BEVILL.

Temperance

We rejoice in the fact that through the untiring efforts of the W. C. T. U., the Anti-Saloon League, the great army of Christian people and the friends of temperance, we now have a saloonless nation, and

Whereas, the laws are being violated in the form of "blind tigers," distilleries and boot-legging, let us as a church do all in our power to help enforce said laws and thus eradicate it from our beloved land.

Let us heartily endorse the new slogan of the temperance movement, "A Saloonless World by 1932," and pledge our prayers and co-operation in bringing this about; and

Whereas, the tobacco habit has become so prevalent, not only among the older people but among the children, and

Whereas, the slogan of the tobacco enterprise seems to be "A cigarette in the mouth of every American boy."

Therefore be it resolved, "That we cry aloud and spare not," and "lift up our voices against this great evil which destroys will power and renders its users unfit for the duties and responsibilities of life, until we can truthfully say that we indeed have a "tobaccoless nation."

Be it further resolved, That this Conference puts itself on record as being against every evil that might be classed as intemperate.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. LULA WARDLOW.

LAWRENCE C. LITTLE.

J. CHESSLEY LITTLE.

Young People's Purity League

We, your committee, submit the following report:

Whereas, this is an age when there is but little conviction as to morals, and

Whereas, the trend of the age is downward, we realize that something must be done to check this mad rush toward destruction.

We therefore recommend that this Conference urge the pastors to stand by the efforts being put forward by the Purity League and make it possible for the organizer to visit their charges and present this great and important work, thereby emphasizing the importance of right living for boys and girls.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. MARY E. BARTLETT.

J. A. RILEY.

MRS. S. A. BRADY.

Thanks

Whereas, the Courtland Methodist Protestant Church, Queen City Circuit, has given to the Louisiana Conference, such a royal welcome and have taken every precaution to see that the Conference was well entertained and provided with every comfort,

Be it resolved, That we heartily express our gratitude and thanks to pastor and people of the Courtland church for their magnificent hospitality and manifest kindness.

Be it further resolved, That we as a Conference ask
Our Father's richest blessings upon this church and people,
and that we all together finally receive the reward of the
faithful.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. DOWNS.

MRS. S. A. BRADY.

F. C. FUTRELL.

REPORT OF STATIONING COMMITTEE

With President's Salary Affixed

PLACE	CHURCH	PASTOR
Pollock	Pollock Grayson	J. W. Lee Pres. Salary \$125
Monroe	Monroe	Mrs. Arah Bevill Pres. Salary \$50
Jonesboro	Jonesboro Ansley Center Point Mt. Temple	F. Lyman Shows Pres. Salary \$125
Evergreen	Evergreen Antioch Cold Water	J. R. Strozier Pres. Salary \$65
Rice	Chatham Mt. Pleasant Concord Beulah Eros	J. T. Parsons Pres. Salary \$125
Kelly	Kelly Zaro Shiloh Sardis	J. F. Murrel Pres. Salary \$60

PLACE	CHURCH	PASTOR
Antioch	Antioch Head's School House Luna Walnut Grove Union Grove	F. C. Futrell Pres. Salary \$75
Pleasant Hill	Usery's Chapel Pleasant Hill Lewis Chapel Damascus	A. T. Ezell Pres. Salary \$60
Queen City	Courtland Roberts Knight's Bluff Terry's Chapel	B. F. Griffin Pres. Salary \$50 J. A. Holt, \$10
Belah	Belah Taylor's Chapel Jena	J. A. D. Williams Pres. Salary \$50
Arcadia	Arcadia Spring Hill Bethlehem Providence Cross Roads	Pres. Salary \$85 E. A. Dennard J. R. Downs
Hicks	Couley Mt. Zion Atlanta	B. Deville Pres. Salary \$60
Dodson	Dodson	I. A. Patton Pres. Salary \$85
Strickland	Spring Hill Bentley Barron's Chapel Bethel	E. W. Corley Pres. Salary \$75 I. A. Patton

PLACE	CHURCH	PASTOR
Winnfield	Winnfield Fish Creek Holland's Chapel	G. J. L. Brown Pres. Salary \$50
Union Grove	Union Grove Concord Odoms Walker	J. M. Strozier Pres. Salary \$50
Spring Lake	Bethlehem Shiloh	Unsupplied Pres. Salary \$30
Mt. Nebo	Mt. Nebo Bethel Union	C. R. Dobbs Pres. Salary \$65
Urania	Urania	Mrs. M. E. Bartlett Pres. Salary \$15
Mangham	Holly Wood Stout's View	L. H. Swazee Pres. Salary \$30
Sunrise	Sunrise Brady's Chapel	Mrs. S. A. Brady Pres. Salary \$20
Shady Grove	Gray's School House Ebenezer	Arthur McVey Pres. Salary \$25
Oil City	Oil City	Mrs. M. E. Perdue Pres. Salary \$15
Callion	Callion	T. A. Honeycutt Pres. Salary \$10
Heflin	Heflin	Unsupplied Pres. Salary \$15

EVANGELISTS

J. C. Hearn	Mrs. S. A. Brady
Mrs. Mary E. Bartlett	J. C. Little
J. A. Riley	Mary E. Perdue
Mrs. Lula Wardlaw	Ada Johnson
H. A. Hamby	

CONFERENCE MISSIONARIES

O. W. Nalley	J. A. Holt	H. H. Cantley
J. F. Ried	Frank Ragsdale	H. A. Cherry
	J. H. Lewis	

SPECIAL APPOINTMENT

L. H. Swazee, Manager Home of the Good Samaritan.
 J. R. Downs, Rescue Missionary..
 J. W. Terry, Organizer of Purity League.
 Lawrence C. Little, Field Secretary All South Christian
 Endeavor.

IN SCHOOL

W. T. Methvin	H. A. Hamby	O. W. Stewart
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WITHOUT APPOINTMENT

W. S. Dunn	W. P. Fowler
W. F. Fordham	Miss Bessie Griggs
P. A. Smart	D. W. Smith
J. F. Hearn	Jno. T. Smith
R. L. Gunter	W. W. Harris
D. S. Johnson	V. O. Jones

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION

This is to certify that on the seventh day of November, 1920, I ordained as Elder in the Methodist Protestant Church, Louisiana Conference,

Laurence C. Little.

(Signed) E. O. HEARN, President.
M. E. PERDUE, Secretary.

OFFICIAL CERTIFICATION

This certifies that the Proceedings, Reports and Resolutions printed herein were made the official record of the Louisiana Conference, Methodist Protestant Church.

(Signed) E. O. HEARN, President.
M. E. PERDUE, Secretary.

BY-LAWS

Section 1. No delegate shall be entitled to a seat in the Annual Conference without proper credentials, or other satisfactory evidence of his election; and in the case of alternate the certificate shall so express it.

Sec. 2. Delegates to the Annual Conference shall be elected from the members in good standing and in full membership, over the age of fifteen years. In circuits, stations, and missions it shall be the duty of the Steward to designate the time and place and give notice of the election. The election shall be held under the direction of the Stewards; and they shall act as judges of the election, and cause the same to be returned to the Fourth Quarterly Conference, there to be compiled and consolidated. The person or persons receiving a plurality vote shall be declared duly elected delegate or delegates, and next highest shall be declared alternate or alternates, and receive certificates accordingly; provided, that in case of a tie, members of Quarterly Conference, by a majority vote, shall decide; and provided further, that in case the delegate and alternate elected from any work are providentially hindered from attending the Annual Conference to which they were elected, then the pastor in charge shall have the right to appoint a suitable person to represent the work in Conference.

Sec. 3. No person shall be elected to orders, except they be persons of exceptional moral character, genuine piety, respectable attainment, and sound in the belief of the fundamental doctrine of Christianity, and faithful in the discharge of Gospel duties.

Sec. 4. No minister in good health shall be left without ministerial work for more than one year; at the end of which time he shall resume his itinerant labors, or be transferred to the unstationed list, and if so transferred shall receive a certificate of his standing. This rule shall apply to any minister so transferred, provided, that he, at his own request may locate by vote of the Conference.

Sec. 5. No minister or preacher appointed to a circuit, station or mission shall come from labors assigned him by the stationing authority until his term of service shall have expired, except by consent of the President, for reason by him deemed expedient.

Sec. 6. The President shall furnish each pastor with a condensed blank PASTOR'S report at least ten days prior to the opening of each session of the Annual Conference, that each pastor may give a disciplinary report of his labors, that the report be handed to the chairman on Pastor's Reports immediately after the opening of the Conference on the first day, and that as soon as passed upon by committee and Conference said report shall be delivered to Conference Steward for his action, then to the Statistical Secretary for final disposition. Should any pastor fail to comply with this rule for the first offense he shall be reprimanded by the President, and for the second offense shall be located by a majority vote of the Conference. That the evangelists and Conference missionaries read their reports to the Conference. We recommend that when the President visits a pastoral charge that he first converse freely with the pastor as to the spiritual and financial condition of the charge, and that he insist on a strict obedience of the vows made when uniting with the church.

Sec. 7. The Board of Stewards of each charge shall soon after the adjournment of the Annual Conference, meet and in connection with the pastor proportion the assessment made by the Fourth Quarterly Conference for the support of the pastor. The proportion to be made to each class according to ability and willingness to pay, and that the Stewards see that the same is paid promptly. And in connection with Sec. 7 we recommend that each Steward keep a non-effective roll, noting those that are able and do not contribute to support of the pastor, the president and to the general interests of the church, and that the stewards notify the pastor of the number that are inefficient, and that the pastor's report show the number of members that do not help support the church.

Sec. 8. Any member of the church who after due admonition by the class leader and pastor wilfully neglects to attend divine worship at their church for the space of three months shall be subject to trial and expulsion for infraction of their church vows.

Sec. 9. Any member twenty-one years of age, and in good standing and in full membership for one year, is eligible to any office in the church, and as a delegate to the Annual Conference; provided, that where a church, circuit,

station or mission has no member of said age, they may place in office in the church, or elect as delegate to the Annual Conference such as are not twenty-one years of age and such as have not been members for one year.

Sec. 10. Due notice shall be given previous to any action to be taken that involves the financial interest of the church.

Sec. 11. The term of office of Conference Steward shall be one year.

Sec. 12. The Conference Steward shall be required to receive and hold all monies collected for the various benevolent purposes from the different charges, also Conference collections.

Sec. 13. It shall be the duty of the Conference Steward to settle all incidental expenses of the Conference out of the Conference collections during the session, and present the remainder to the Conference for disbursement.

Sec. 14. He shall pay over to the different boards, or persons authorized to receive same, all money received for the various benevolent purposes, taking receipt, and of which and other business in his hands shall make a proper exhibit to the Conference during the session at which he was appointed, and also at the expiration of his term of office.

Sec. 15. At the First Quarterly Conference of each Conference year the pastor shall call attention to the amount of the assessment made by the Fourth Quarterly Conference for his support during the year. Immediately after each Quarterly Conference the pastor shall call the attention of each class to the amount of his salary that is unpaid, and in case the pastor neglects to do this, the Steward will not be held responsible if the full amount is not paid. In connection with Sec. 15, we recommend that at the Fourth Quarterly Conference of each year that a circuit steward be elected, whose duty it shall be to collect the general and Conference claims, and forward same as soon as collected to the Conference Steward, and that the Conference Steward credit same to the charge from which it came, and notify the pastor of the amount received and how appropriated. And that the pastor shall keep a record of same for his final report.

Sec. 16. There shall be appointed at each session of the Annual Conference a minister or preacher to preach an opening sermon at the sitting of the next annual session.

Sec. 17. The proceedings of the Annual Conference shall be recorded by the secretary, and properly arranged for printing in the annual minutes, for which he shall receive reasonable compensation, and the minutes shall be signed by the President and Secretary.

Sec. 18. The Secretary shall take charge of all books, journals, records, and proceedings of the Conference and transmit the same to the Conference at its next session.

Sec. 19. The President shall be the stationing authority of the Conference, calling to his aid, as council, one layman from each work represented.

Sec. 20. In stationing the ministers and preachers there shall not be given to anyone appointment who, in the opinion of a majority of the members, is incompetent for the duties thereof, or who they believe will neglect the appointments, and such ministers and preachers may be transferred by the Conference to the unstationed list; provided, that no minister or preacher, who, in the judgement of the Conference, is entitled to a superannuated relationship, shall be transferred.

Sec. 21. It shall be the duty of the President to see that deeds be taken to all the church property belonging to the Methodist Protestant Church in the Louisiana District, and have same recorded.

Sec. 22. That the President, Secretary, Conference Steward and Standing District Committee shall be elected at 3:00 o'clock p. m. on the first day of each annual session of the Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Sec. 23. These By-Laws can be changed, altered or amended by giving one day's notice in open Conference of such change, alteration or amendment, and it will require a two-thirds vote of the members belonging to that session of the Conference.

RULES OF ORDER

Section 1. The Conference shall meet at 10 a. m. and adjourn at 11 a. m.; meet at 2 p. m. and adjourn at pleasure on first day. Each succeeding day shall meet at 8:30 a. m. and adjourn at 11:00 a. m.; meet at 2:00 p. m. and adjourn at pleasure.

Sec. 2. The President shall take the chair on time and cause the Conference to be opened with religious services.

Sec. 3. The President shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Conference, but in case of such an appeal, the question will be taken without debate.

Sec. 4. He shall appoint all committees, unless otherwise specially ordered by the Conference.

Sec. 5. On assigning the floor to any member of the Conference, he shall distinctly announce the member to whom it is assigned.

Sec. 6. All motions and resolutions shall be written, if the President and Secretary request.

Sec. 7. When a motion is seconded, or a resolution introduced and seconded, or a report presented, and is read by the Secretary or stated by the President, it shall be deemed in possession of the Conference any time before the amendment or decision.

Sec. 8. All motions to postpone or lay on the table shall be taken without debate.

Section 9. No new motion or resolution shall be entertained until the one under consideration has been disposed of, which may be done by adopting or rejecting, unless one of the following motions should intervene, which are placed namely: First, indefinite postponement; Second, laying on the table; Third, referred to a committee; Fourth, postponement to a given time; Fifth, substitute; Sixth, amendment. A substitute or amendment may be amended.

Section 10. When any member is about to speak in debate, or to deliver any matter to the Conference, he shall rise and respectfully address the President, but shall not proceed until recognized by him.

Section 11. No member shall be interrupted while speaking except by the President, to call him to order when he departs from the question or uses personalities, or disrespectful language; but any may call the attention of the President to the subject when he deems a speaker out of order, and any member may explain when he thinks himself misrepresented.

Section 12. When a member wishes to speak to a question of privilege he shall briefly state question; but it shall not be in order for him to proceed until the President shall have decided it a privileged question.

Section 13. No person shall speak more than twice on the same question, nor more than five minutes at one time, without leave of the Conference; nor shall any person speak more than once until every member choosing to speak have spoken; provided, however, that the mover of a resolution, or a committee making a report, shall in all cases be entitled to five minutes to close the debate.

Section 14. When any motion or resolution shall have been acted upon by the Conference, it shall be in order for any member who voted with the prevailing side to move a reconsideration, but a motion to reconsider is a non-debatable motion, and shall be decided without debate.

Section 15. No member shall absent himself from the Conference without leave, unless he is sick and unable to attend.

Section 16. No member shall be allowed to vote on any question who is not within the bar when such question is put by the President, except by leave of the Conference, when he has been necessarily absent.

Section 17. Every member who is in the bar at the time the question is put shall give his vote, unless the Conference for special reasons, excuse him.

Section 18. It shall be in order for any member to call for the ays and nays on any question before the Conference, and if the call be sustained by one-third of the members present, the vote thereon shall be taken by the ayes and nays.

Section 19. It shall be in order to move the question be taken without further debate on any measure pend-

ing before the Conference, except in cases where character is involved.

Section 20. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate.

Section 21. The President shall appoint the chairman of committees on subjects of general interest and notify said chairman of his appointment at least ten days before each session of Conference.

Section 22. The committee on examinations shall be appointed one year in advance, and shall meet at next Annual Conference one day prior to convening of that body, and that the undergraduates meet said committee for the purpose of being examined in their studies.

ELEMENTARY PRINCIPLES

1. A Christian church is a society of believers in Jesus Christ, and is a divine institution.

2. Christ is the only head of the church, and the Word of God the only rule of faith and practice.

3. No person who loves the Lord Jesus Christ, and obeys the gospel of God, our Savior, ought to be deprived of church membership.

4. Every man has an inalienable right to private judgment in matters of religion, and an equal right to express his opinion in any way which will not violate the laws of God or the rights of his fellow-men.

5. Church trials should be conducted on Gospel principles only, and no minister or member should be excommunicated except for immorality, the propagation of unchristian doctrines, or for the neglect of duties enjoined by the Word of God.

6. The pastoral or ministerial office and duties are of divine appointment and all elders of the church of God are equal, but ministers are forbidden to be lords over God's heritage, or to have dominion over the faith of the saints.

7. The church has the right to form and enforce such rules and regulations as is inherent in the ministerial and members of the church, but so much of the power may

be delegated from time to time, upon a plan of representation, as they may judge necessary and proper.

8. It is the duty of all ministers and members of the church to maintain godliness, and oppose all moral evil.

9. It is obligatory on ministers of the gospel to be faithful in the discharge of their pastoral and ministerial duties, and it is also obligatory on its members to esteem ministers highly for work's sake, and to render a righteous compensation for their labors.

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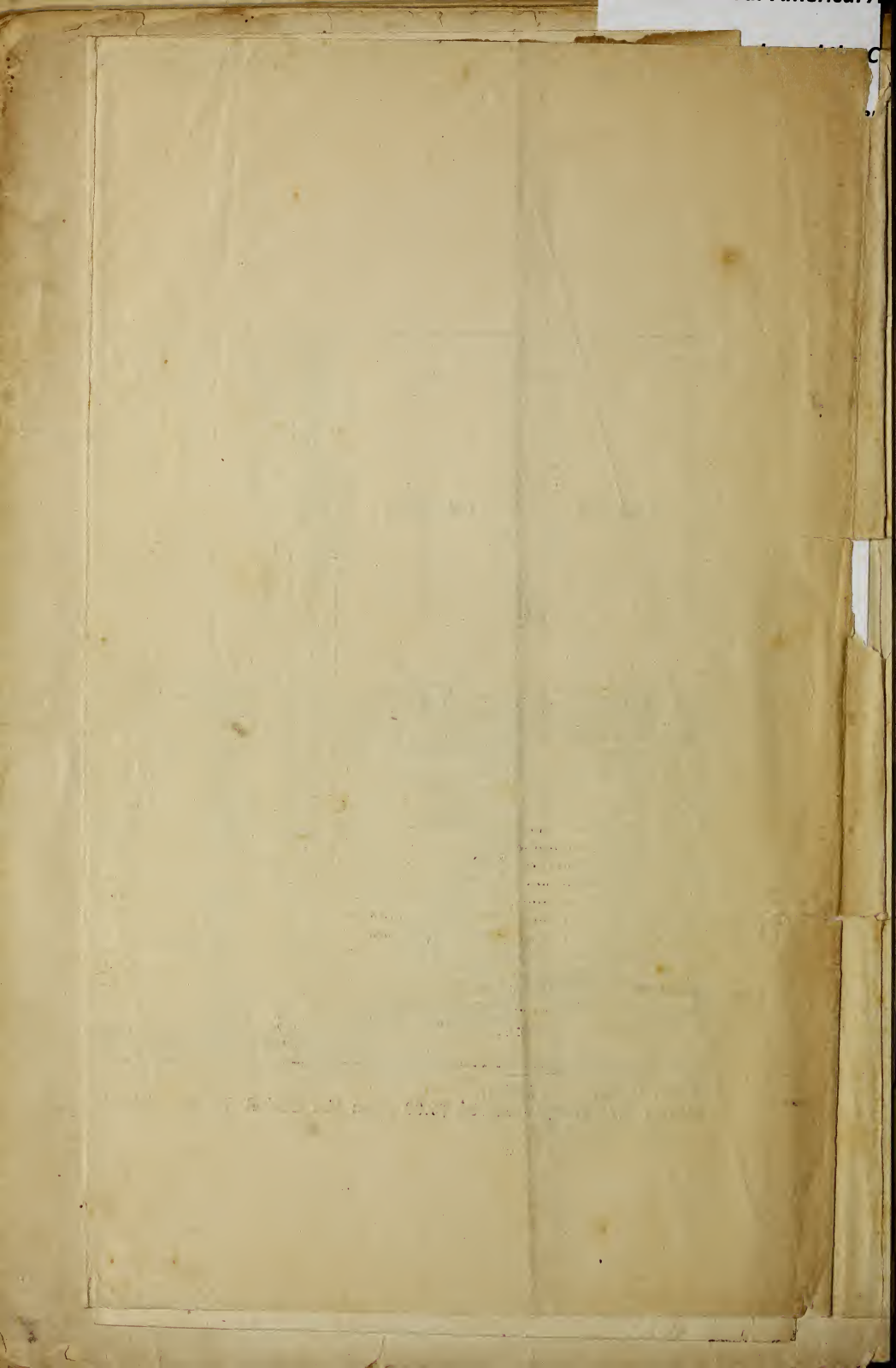
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Please remember our Superannuates. Thanks.

Rev. J. W. Terry received \$5.00 from the Bethel Sunday School children to be used for the benefit of our blessed Zion.

J. C. LITTLE, Statistician.
A. D. RHEA, Assistant.





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